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IN re Application of
BAUMANN et al.

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For: THE USE OF CARBOXYLIC ACID DERIVATIVES AS DRUGS

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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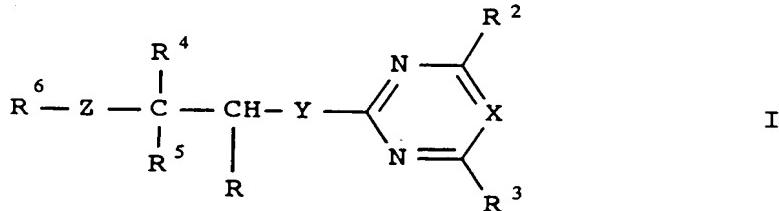
In response to the office action dated June 20, 1997, kindly
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IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claim 1 as shown:

1. (amended) [The use of carboxylic acid derivatives of the]

A method of inhibiting endothelin receptors by administering to a patient a compound of the formula I



where R is formyl, CO₂H or a radical which can be hydrolyzed to COOH, and the remaining substituents have the following meanings:

R² is halogen, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-haloalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, C₁-C₄-haloalkoxy or C₁-C₄-alkylthio;

X is nitrogen or CR¹⁴ where R¹⁴ is hydrogen or, together with R³, forms a 3- or 4-membered alkylene or alkenylene chain in which, in each case, one methylene group is replaced by oxygen;

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